

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2081 - SB 2323

January 31, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that a woman is guilty of the offense of child abuse if her child is born addicted to alcohol or drugs and the woman consumed alcohol and/or illegal drugs while pregnant and knew or should have known that her actions may result in harm to the child. Violations of this provision would be a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$300,600

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures - \$198,900

Assumes 21 additional children will be placed in state custody for various periods of time due to a finding of child abuse and additional convictions for a Class A misdemeanor with impact depending upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director